

Project Oceanology

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Marine Science Education Summer Intern

(Paid Residential Position)

Seasonal - June 19, 2023 through August 18, 2023

Application reviewed upon receipt

Are you interested in:

- Exploring the marine environment
- Learning how to present marine science to students through environmental education and environmental advocacy
- Gaining experience with marine science careers and sampling techniques
- Gaining leadership skills and educational experience
- Working with students entering grades 4 to 12

About the Organization

Project Oceanology's mission since 1972 has been to nurture enthusiasm for science and for our planet's marine environment from our waterfront facilities on Long Island Sound in Groton, CT. As a year round marine science and environmental education organization operated by a 501(c)(3) nonprofit association of boards of education, colleges and other educational institutions, Project O has pioneered a hands-on, inquiry oriented approach to science through programs meeting state education standards. Using our research vessels, skiffs, oceanographic equipment, and marine laboratories, Project O leads more than 25,000 students and adults annually as they learn about the ocean, estuaries, rivers and marine life through firsthand, on-the-water science-rich experiences in the surrounding waters of Long Island Sound, Fishers Island Sound, and the Thames River.

Description:

Project Oceanology seeks a Marine Science Education Summer Intern who is positive, responsible, energetic, and enthusiastic. This student should enjoy science, the outdoors, and working with youth in an educational summer camp setting. Project Oceanology's residential and day camps utilize marine science to develop leadership and life skills for youth ages 9 – 18. As a Marine Science Education Summer Intern, you will work with Project Oceanology Marine Science Educators to help campers explore the marine environment while teaching tolerance and understanding in a diverse community. This internship position will focus on developing skills in leadership, environmental education, and environmental advocacy, as well as gaining experience with marine science sampling techniques.

Duties include supervision of students, implementing and enforcing camp rules, and planning and participating in activities with students. Interns provide a supportive, friendly, and safe environment for students entering grades 4 through 12, during the weekly day camp programs and the 6 day/5 night weekly residential camp programs. The position requires the use of independent judgment, initiative, maturity, observation, confidentiality, and communication skills.

Education, Experience and Training:

Must have or be pursuing a BS or BA in Marine Science, Biology, Oceanography, Education, Environmental Education, Environmental Science, or similar field.

Experience working with children is highly desired.

Certificates/Licenses

Must have or be capable of obtaining certifications during our training week including First Aid, CPR, and Medical Administration from American Heart Association or American Red Cross.

Other Requirements

An acceptable State of Connecticut Health form (physical exam and immunizations) is required. Consent to pre-employment drug test and criminal history check is required; results of both must be satisfactory.

Details of Employment:

The 2023 Marine Science Education Summer Internship Program term is a 9 week term beginning on June 19, 2023 and wrapping up on August 18, 2023. This position is located at Project Oceanology in Groton, CT. Interns must be available to live in the hostel on the premises during the duration of the summer and remain on-site from 9pm-9am when residential camps are in session. The intern must be able to work a flexible and varied schedule from **Sunday through Friday** when residential camps are in session. The intern must participate in and successfully complete one week of staff training activities.

Timeline:

Applications will be reviewed upon receipt

Interviews will be scheduled on a rolling basis

Summer Intern Training week- **June 19-23, 2023**

Camp Sessions- **June 26-August 18, 2023**

Qualifications/Eligibility Requirements:

Successful applicants (age 18+) should have experience working with children. Applicants will demonstrate maturity, energy, enthusiasm, effective communication skills, and an interest in the marine environment.

Applicants must also have:

- Ability to relate to and communicate with youths on an individual and group basis.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective and courteous working relationships with Project Oceanology staff, students, and the general public.
- Ability to provide personal assistance, medical attention, emotional support, or other personal care to others.
- Ability to work as a team member and as a leader.
- Have a strong interest in marine science.
- Have a strong interest in working with youth.
- Ability to maintain a calm demeanor and adjust quickly to changing priorities in stressful and/or emergency situations.

Examples of Essential Functions:

- Provides daytime supervision of students, including meal times, on a rotating schedule with other camp staff and interns.
- Provides overnight supervision during camp sessions along with other interns and the Resident Supervisor.
- Under supervision, develops and teaches one marine science lesson per week under the guidance of senior camp staff members.

- Implements and enforces camp rules.
- Coordinates with other camps staff to assist, interact with, and lead students in daily team-building activities.
- Under direction of Resident Supervisor, monitors the hostel facility used by students to ensure safety and cleanliness.
- Administer first aid according to prescribed procedures, and notify emergency personnel, when necessary.
- Provides a safe, supportive, and friendly environment throughout camp and Project Oceanology facilities.

Physical Demands

The physical demands listed below are representative of those that must be met by an intern to successfully perform the essential functions of this position. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. While performing the duties of this job, the intern is frequently required to:

- Stand, sit, walk, bend, twist, hear, speak, stoop, kneel, crouch, climb stairs to various levels
- Use hands to handle, feel or operate objects, tools and controls
- Tolerate exposure to weather and environmental conditions
- Carry, lift and manipulate equipment up to 50 lbs.
- Walk steep or uneven terrain while carrying equipment

To be considered, the following material must be submitted:

1. Online application (www.oceanology.org/SummerIntern)
2. Cover Letter
3. Resume
4. Two References: One letter of reference and one contact reference

Interview Process:

Due to the large volume of applications received, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted. Interviews may take place in person or via zoom.

Selection and approval process:

The selection committee will select applicants to hire after interviews, deliberations, and acceptable reference checks. Applicants will be notified when positions have been filled but not later than April 30, 2023.

Compensation:

The daily rate of pay is \$80; Room is provided for the entire period and meals are provided when camp is in session.

Contact Information:

Questions about the camps and the Project Oceanology Summer Internship Program can be directed to:

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